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Messrs. CLAY and CONYERS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. CROWLEY, HASTINGS of Florida, BERG, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. Speaker, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, on rollcall No. 627, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on December 17, 2012—I was not present for rollcall vote 627. I was attending a vigil in memory of the lives lost at the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in Newtown, CT. If I had been present for this vote, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 627.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF CONNECTICUT SHOOTING

(Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Friday morning, I brought my 4-year-old to school. I dropped him off at 8:45, just like millions of other parents did all across this country, and a few hours later I saw him again. He had a big smile on his face.

In Newtown, Connecticut, on Friday, 20 parents dropped their first graders off at Sandy Hook Elementary or kissed them good-bye as they got on the school bus, and that was the last time they saw their kids.

Something horrible, something unexplainable happened at Sandy Hook Elementary last week. When people ask me how are folks doing, I tell them right now there’s a lot of blank looks, these people are just trying to process what happened. Twenty gleaming, beautiful children were gunned down, along with six adults who loved them dearly, by a young man with a sickness that masqueraded as evil that day.

So we are left asking all these questions: Why? Why us? Why these little kids? Why did he do it? Why weren’t we able to prevent this from happening? The whys are almost infinite.

In the coming days and weeks, I guess we’ll get some answers to these questions, but most of them won’t have answers. But when you peek through this vast crippling darkness of the last 4 days, there’s one answer that we know for certain. If we ever wondered what kind of community Newtown was, if we ever doubted the deepness of our love for one another, those questions have been answered, and they’ve been answered definitively.

They were answered by Principal Dawn Hochsprung, who told her col-

leagues to run one way so that she could run the other way, directly toward the gunman. They were answered by Victoria Soto, who hid her kids in a closet and died shielding her students from the assassin’s bullets. And they’ve been answered by the thousands of individual acts of humanity that have overflowed from the people of Newtown in the days since the shooting, a community just pouring out love trying to help console this incalculable grief.

I went to the first of too many funerals this morning, and the last thing we know is this: All those wonderful little faces that you see on TV and in the newspaper, like Noah Pozner, who was laid to rest this morning, they’re a reminder that despite the terrible and awful things that happened, that inside the hearts of all of this is this unbelievable goodness. That’s all Noah Pozner had was goodness, was just this purity of spirit.

Newtown is going to survive this because it’s a close town. They hurt more because they’re close, but they also can survive because they’re close. And they can also survive because they will get this inspiration from these 20 little kids who are asking this town to remember how good they were and try to equal that.

As Newtown wrestles with this grief and recovery, the thoughts and the prayers from others matter. I want to thank everyone here for all of the individual love that you’ve showered down upon our little town. I want to thank the Connecticut delegation here with me today for all of their support. It helps in some small way to know that the world is grieving with us.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the House now rise and observe a moment of silence for the 20 beautiful children and six courageous adults who perished on a crisp, cold Friday morning in Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all present to rise and observe a moment of silence.

BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS LAND TRANSFER CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2012

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3193) to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 306, nays 0, not voting 125, as follows:

[Roll No. 628]

YEAS—306

Adams	Flores	Mica
Aderholt	Fox	Michaud
Alexander	Frank (MA)	Miller (FL)
Altmire	Frelinghuysen	Miller (MI)
Amash	Fudge	Miller (NC)
Amodei	Garamendi	Miller, Gary
Andrews	Gardner	Miller, George
Bachus	Garrett	Mulvaney
Baldwin	Gibbs	Murphy (CT)
Barber	Gingrey (GA)	Murphy (PA)
Barletta	Gosar	Myrick
Barrow	Graves (GA)	Nadler
Bass (CA)	Graves (MO)	Napolitano
Becerra	Green, Al	Neugebauer
Benishek	Green, Gene	Noem
Berg	Griffith (VA)	Nugent
Berkley	Grimm	Olson
Biggert	Guthrie	Palazzo
Billray	Hahn	Pallone
Bilirakis	Hall	Pascarell
Bishop (GA)	Harper	Paul
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (FL)	Paulsen
Black	Hastings (WA)	Payne
Blackburn	Hayworth	Pearce
Blumenauer	Heck	Perlmutter
Bonamici	Hensarling	Peters
Bonner	Herger	Peterson
Bono Mack	Himes	Petri
Boren	Hinojosa	Pingree (ME)
Boustany	Hochul	Pitts
Braley (IA)	Honda	Platts
Brooks	Hoyer	Poe (TX)
Broun (GA)	Huelskamp	Polis
Brown (FL)	Huizenga (MI)	Pompeo
Bucshon	Hultgren	Posey
Buerkle	Hunter	Price (GA)
Calvert	Hurt	Price (NC)
Camp	Israel	Quayle
Canseco	Issa	Quigley
Cantor	Jenkins	Rahall
Capito	Johnson (GA)	Rangel
Carney	Johnson (OH)	Reed
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Rehberg
Carter	Jordan	Reichert
Cassidy	Kaptur	Ribble
Castor (FL)	Keating	Richardson
Chabot	Kelly	Rigell
Chaffetz	Kildee	Roby
Chandler	King (IA)	Roe (TN)
Chu	King (NY)	Rogers (AL)
Ciçilline	Kingston	Rogers (KY)
Clarke (MI)	Kinzinger (IL)	Rogers (MI)
Clarke (NY)	Kline	Rooney
Clay	Kucinich	Ros-Lehtinen
Cleaver	Labrador	Roskam
Coffman (CO)	Lamborn	Ross (FL)
Cole	Lance	Roybal-Allard
Conaway	Lankford	Royce
Connolly (VA)	Larsen (WA)	Runyan
Conyers	Larson (CT)	Ryan (OH)
Cooper	Latham	Ryan (WI)
Courtney	LaTourrette	Sarbanes
Crawford	Latta	Scalise
Crowley	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky
Cuellar	Levin	Schiff
Cummings	Lewis (CA)	Schmidt
Curson (MI)	Lewis (GA)	Schrader
Davis (CA)	LoBiondo	Schwartz
DeFazio	Loeback	Schweikert
DeGette	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott (VA)
DeLauro	Long	Scott, Austin
DelBene	Lowey	Scott, David
Denham	Lucas	Sensenbrenner
Dent	Luetkemeyer	Serrano
DesJarlais	Lummis	Sessions
Deutch	Lungren, Daniel	Sewell
Diaz-Balart	E.	Sherman
Doggett	Mack	Shuster
Dold	Maloney	Sires
Donnelly (IN)	Marino	Smith (NE)
Doyle	Massie	Smith (TX)
Dreier	Matheson	Southerland
Duffy	Matsui	Stearns
Duncan (SC)	McCarthy (CA)	Stutzman
Duncan (TN)	McCaull	Thompson (CA)
Edwards	McClintock	Thompson (MS)
Ellison	McCollum	Thompson (PA)
Ellmers	McDermott	Thornberry
Emerson	McGovern	Tierney
Engel	McHenry	Tipton
Eshoo	McKeon	Tonko
Farenthold	McKinley	Tsongas
Farr	McMorris	Turner (NY)
Fattah	Rodgers	Turner (OH)
Fitzpatrick	McNerney	Upton
Fleischmann	Meehan	Van Hollen

Velázquez	Waters	Womack
Visclosky	Watt	Woodall
Walberg	Waxman	Woodley
Walden	Webster	Yarmuth
Walz (MN)	Wilson (SC)	Yoder
Wasserman	Wittman	Young (AK)
Schultz	Wolf	Young (IN)

NOT VOTING—125

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Owens
Akin	Goodlatte	Pastor (AZ)
Austria	Gowdy	Pelosi
Baca	Granger	Pence
Bachmann	Griffin (AR)	Renacci
Bartlett	Grijalva	Reyes
Barton (TX)	Guinta	Richmond
Bass (NH)	Gutierrez	Rivera
Berman	Hanabusa	Rohrabacher
Bishop (NY)	Hanna	Rokita
Boswell	Harris	Ross (AR)
Brady (PA)	Hartzler	Rothman (NJ)
Brady (TX)	Heinrich	Ruppersberger
Buchanan	Herrera Beutler	Rush
Burgess	Higgins	Sánchez, Linda
Burton (IN)	Hinchev	T.
Butterfield	Hirono	Sanchez, Loretta
Campbell	Holden	Schilling
Capps	Holt	Schock
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Scott (SC)
Carnahan	(TX)	Shimkus
Clyburn	Johnson (IL)	Shuler
Coble	Johnson, Sam	Simpson
Cohen	Jones	Slaughter
Costa	Kind	Smith (NJ)
Costello	Kissell	Smith (WA)
Cravaack	Landry	Speier
Crenshaw	Langevin	Stark
Critz	Lipinski	Stivers
Culberson	Lujan	Sullivan
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Sutton
Dicks	Manzullo	Terry
Dingell	Marchant	Tiberi
Fincher	Markey	Towns
Flake	McCarthy (NY)	Walsh (IL)
Fleming	McIntyre	Welch
Forbes	Meeks	West
Fortenberry	Moore	Westmoreland
Franks (AZ)	Moran	Whitfield
Gallegly	Neal	Wilson (FL)
Gerlach	Nunes	Young (FL)
Gibson	Nunnelee	
Gohmert	Olver	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 627 and 628. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 627 and 628.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOODALL). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACKS IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THIS TRAGEDY

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Education and the Workforce be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 833 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas on December 14, 2012 a mass shooting took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 26 innocent lives, including those of 20 children, that have been lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School in this unimaginable tragedy;

Whereas the people of the United States will always remember the victims of the previous mass shootings that have occurred in the United States and stand in solidarity with the survivors; and

Whereas the quick action of law enforcement officials and other first responders prevented additional losses of life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns the senseless attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday, December 14, 2012;

(2) offers condolences to all of the students, teachers, administrators, and faculty of Sandy Hook Elementary School, as well as their families, and recognizes that the healing process will be long and difficult for the entire Newtown community;

(3) honors the selfless, dedicated service of—

(A) the teachers, school administrators, school support staff, medical professionals, and others in the Greater Newtown community;

(B) the emergency response teams and law enforcement officials who responded to the attack; and

(C) law enforcement officials who continue to investigate the attack; and

(4) remains committed to working together to help prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Minnesota is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself a moment to briefly offer my heartfelt condolences to the families of Newtown, Connecticut. What happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School last Friday is simply unspeakable, and we as a Nation are devastated by the loss of so many innocent lives. In the face of such tragedy, it is our duty to join together and honor the memory of the victims. Let us stand united in offering our prayers to their families and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I yield my time to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and ask unanimous consent that he be permitted to control the time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the chairman very much for his kind words and for his generosity in allowing us to have this time on the floor this evening to both remember the 26 individuals who were brutally murdered on Friday morning in the village of Sandy Hook in the town of Newtown, Connecticut, but also to start to paint a pathway forward. Right now, Newtown, Connecticut, is grieving deeply. It's going to be grieving for a long time because, frankly, we are just in the process of figuring out what to think about this, never mind understanding how to recover. This morning, at the first of what will be far too many funerals, you could start to see through the darkness a glimmer of how we figure a way out of this.

Little Noah Pozner was buried this morning by his parents and by his family. Noah was an amazing little 6-year-old. Not unlike most other precocious 6-year-olds, he loved role-playing; he was mischievous; he was as smart as a whip. He always talked about what he wanted to do in life, what he wanted to be. One day, he'd say he wanted to be a doctor. On another day, he'd say he wanted to be a police officer. On most days, his mom said he wanted to be a taco store owner. He loved tacos. That was his dream in life.

What we've seen on TV and in newspapers are these faces, the beautiful, gleaming, pure faces of these 20 first graders who perished; and while all of our hearts are just sick with grief, we know that their purity and their love is going to be the inspiration for the little community of Newtown and, frankly, for this whole country and this whole world to figure out how to recover.

I've been there on the ground since Friday afternoon almost nonstop, and Newtown is asking itself lots of questions about why it happened to us. What could we have done? Why did this guy do it? As I just said on the House floor, those questions are going to stick around for a while; but what you see in Newtown today is just this overabundant love. I mean, within hours, the fire station was filled with counselors, filled with public safety personnel, filled with food, filled with everything that could possibly support these families. Those offers of help and those offers of support have just kept on coming and kept on coming.

What has also emerged are the stories of what happened that day. Certainly, the tragedy and the horror is first and foremost; but underneath that is heroism, only the beginnings of which we know right now. This is a great school, first of all. This was the best school in Newtown, one of the best in the entire State, and it's because of a principal named Dawn Hochsprung.

Dawn was a great principal right to the end. She was in a meeting when it happened. She told the people in the meeting to run the other way so that she could run directly to the shooter to try to disarm him. A young teacher, Victoria Soto, had the soundness of